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went out to California and wrote first act. I've learned that I didn't go about i at all in the way that most tand then writing up to that. I just it was that illuminating it was that illuminating it was that illuminating termination.

Mrs. Atherton's summer of dramatur-writing will be broken into by visits to both conventions. laywrights do-planning the big scene

"I can't imagine. That's why I like it."

was her disconcerting answer.

So there was nothing to do but give p the Europe idea and get seriously to because I was in the same suite of rooms in which I wrote 'Tower of Ivory,' and that every morning when I first awoke I could see myself going to the desk and writing at that book. I loved that little it is one that most people who go to San Francisco have never heard of. and I go back to it year after year. But could not make the play go there, and

lanned to go away-up in the Yosemite. 'So I took the hot, dusty trip, the last of it miles on a stage, with guards with guns to protect us from bandits, and finally arrived at the most impossible place I ve ever tried to write in. There was that terrible restlessness of atmosthe atmosphere created by idle people; and something indescribably inartisticlots of men with no coats and khaki treusers and fat stomachs, you know;

of my trunk.

I wrote back to my San Francisco an effort to locate any living natural and asked for a different suite of thems. I went back and wrote another act—just writing along as before, with no scenario. When I read this over and euphonious name Ravenshaw and made some investigations themselves. They unearthed the coat of arms of the store. It was a great that I was

New Orleans, to Mobile and to a and every morning we would be the play. Mrs. Fiske pointing re it could be improved and where tild be more drama. Then I went tille and rewrote it.

I brought it up to New York Fiske again read it.

fort to visit some friends; but I found that the idea with which I had started the play had been growing beyond limits in my head, to book proportions. So I went back to my little San Francisco hotel without using up my European time limit, and started the book recently published, Julia France and Her Times, beginning it on a point sixteen years earlier than the play.

## TROUBLES OF AN AUTHOR.

Was Worried by Characters.

The late Robert Neilson Stephens, a near John, and his establishment catered successful writer of novels and plays, had an odd trick of getting himself into William Menzies, A. W. Griswold, Henry "I can't: I've just found three weeks trouble with the relatives of his char- C. Murphy, Tom Field and others, who and I've got to go hunting." acters, without having had any suspicion went in for Americana and all other that his characters had relatives—living "anas." Sabin was the great cataloguer relatives, at least. People with names and salesman of the noted collections and salesman of the noted collections.

William Heyliger, author of popular stories for boys, is receiving letters from men asking for points on big game shoot.

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football story, "Bucking the Line," the
title was misspelled in the printer's gentle soul, however, and the upshot of gentle soul, however, and the upshot of such affairs usually was a warm friendship Beekman street. Here an effort was made phere that you find in pleasure resorts, tells of several incidents which illustrate thing the

trousers and fat stomachs, you know, and girls standing around with khakit clothes on. I can stand the hideousness of Chicago, for there it is a thing apart, and one can keep away from it; but one was shoved right into the midst of this bot, hideous, inartistic mass. It was impossible and I didn't take my typewriter out of my frunk. I wrote back to my San Francisco hit my husband felt that he had accomplished something unique. He even made an and asked for a different suite of the suite of the

if too seemed so bad that I was again about to pack for Europ when Mr.

Fisce again surprised me.

I hink it is most interesting and original, was her verdict. 'I want Mr.

Fisce to read it, and hear his opinion.'

She liked it expectably because she said it.

citement.

Some time after the book appeared Bob. received a long epistle from an old English soldier stationed in India, and the name attached was Ravenshaw, with the prefix Colonel. The Colonel stormed that hardly expected it to be taken are attached was Ravenshaw, with the prefix Colonel. The Colonel stormed through several inky sheets. He made no secret to the fact that he had liked the book, but the idea of his name being given to a man who was a villain and a depraved knaw which I had known nothing at the state of the fact that he had liked the book, but the idea of his name being given to a man who was a villain and a depraved knaw which I had known nothing of still I thought the play would be come to actual life and was again to Europe when, in Chicago, dining a Mr. and Mrs. Fiske, Mr. Fiske sured me by drinking a toast to Julia its the play.

So I gave up the trip abroad and to propanied Mrs. Fiske on her Southern to New Orleans, to Mobile and to

Colonel, which melted him completely. When they met some years later in London they became the best of friends."

## Original of Dinah Morris.

From the Pall Mall Gasette. That George Eliot based her Dinah Mor-That George Eliot based her Dinah Morriss of "Adam Bede" on her aunt, the Methodist preacher, Mrs. Samuel Evans, she said they would produce a serious play, the leading at the produce a serious play. time to produce a serious play, fordshire "Hayslope" the very pulpit from which Mrs. Evans was wont to preach in fact and from which Dinah Morris may be back by October 30 for a lead 1 could remember therefore be supposed to have held forth of to England, and then to Frank- laleworth Mission Church.

next month and entirely rewrite it. The scene will be tranposed to southern California, the names changed and the story will be built around the young girl, Fanny, as the main character. I don't know that the result will be what I want. I believe the oldest playwrights are indefinite on this point."

Again Mrs. Atherton smiled; and again it was that illuminating smile of determination.

It was that illuminating smile of determination. on Nassau street near Beekman and Mrs. Atherton's summer of dramaturgism will be broken into by visits to both solid think it worthless and would let farmed to pack to go to She has been overpersuaded and engaged to attend them and write impressions of the scenes and people. As she can ligave her the first act to read.

"What do you think is oming next?" I asked thinking the might give me a saked the made the m he entered the place and to him he was James Oliver Curwood, whose new

Sabin had his place in Nassau street.

between the writer and correspondent.

Mrs. Stephens, widow of the author, tells of several incidents which illustrate this.

"I believe about the oddest thing that ever happened to Bob along the line sorting and arrangement. It was a great place to delight one's literary soul. You

Punch and the London illustrated papers during the civil war, and these attracted crowds around the store. It was a great resort for the newspaper men of that period. The sons now carry on a book business in Fifth avenue. They have a branch house in Washington and another in Paris, where the tourist may gladden his or her eyes with a glance at his or her home paper, whether he be from New York, Chicago or California.

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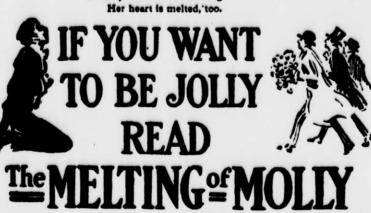
The difference between the old time bookseller and his successor of the present day can best be illustrated by a couple of stories. When you inquired of an old timer for any particular book, even had it lain for a century dead, he knew what you were after and directed accordingly. Recently a book hunter asked one of the young women at the book counter of a large department store if she had a copy of Max O'Reil's book on the United States, and was scornfully advised that "Marcia Aurelius was never in the United States." Another inquired, "Where is your second hand book department?" The attendant elevated her eyebrows and answered tarily, "We don't deal in second hand books." On being advised that they certainly did as the book hunter had an invitation to come in and look them over she appealed to another assistant, whose nose went up nearly as high as her colleague's eyebrows, and who dismissed the subject with a "Certainly not." But when it was suggested that "Perhaps vou dignify them with the title of rare books," the answer came, "Oh, yes! we have them. You'll find them over in the compartment on the left."

And these things are occurring every day. No wonder Mayor Gaynor bewails the passing of the old time bookseller.

The difference between the old time of a fruit stand. I went to the publisher, the other to the first and he hired me, so that accounts and he hired me, so that accounts for my newspaper training. But I've wondered what I should be doing now if I had gone to the fruit stand. I went to the first.

Charles Asnew Maclean, author of "The Mainspring," was born in Bally-read to the full that the elepation of Scotch parents, in 1880. This same town is the birthplace of S. S. McClure. Mr. Maclean's family came to this country in 1885, and at the age of seventeen he entered newspaper work, serv

The more that Molly melts her weight, The more the lovers woo .-In the process of the melting



AUTHORS AND THEIR WORK.

f many volumes from Ainsworth to Yates. entitled "Plays by Auguste Strindberg," went to a reprinting. The present edition to great browsing place was has gone to press for a second printing.

"Pleasures and Palaces" has just been ton's "Julia France and Her Times." extending back to Theatre Alley. Here published, has as her slogan for the were assembled tons of books. Every conceivable subject was represented, life the short advice, "work." "Teach her ton's "Julia France and Her Times."

W. Morgan Shuster's "The Strangling of Persia," which the Century Co. will publish this month, tells in detail the wanted you asked for it and it was immediate what the work is—mind or body—series of events which resulted in the so long as she has learned to go on with author's expulsion from the post of

title was misspelled in the printed report and read "Bucking the Lion."

Kate Langley Bosher was recently telling how she came to write "Mary Cary "Watching the children of an orphanas go by in an institutional garb," she said. "my sympathies were stirred. I won-dered how I should feel if my individuality were thus suppressed-to lie down.

Macallister, the heroine of her successful detective story. The name seems to carry good luck, for Peggy the dog took three ribbons and one special prize at

Rufus Gillmore, author of popular detective stories, although a native of Boston, says his education was of the "free "On the day I was graduated from the grammar school," he says, "I answered three want ads. The Genius," a novel of character analysis, by Mary Austin, author of "The Arrow Maker," which was produced at the New Theatre, and "The Wind Before the publisher, the other from the owner of the whitman for the Whitman Fellowship Club, and are also art critics, and the matter will perhaps assume definite shape at an early meeting of the club.

### THE MAKING OF BOOKS.

It is said that A. E. W. Mason's new novel, "The Turnstile," is based on the author's personal observations and experiences of English political life, he himself having been a member of the House of Commons for four years as the Liberal representative of Coventry. In the book English politics are presented which early in his career, was edited by which early in his career was edited by him in Austin, Tex. Also there will be

Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, whose into its third edition is Gertrude Ather-

when historical issues are involved, all all and the entered the place and to him he was attentive. He had one price only. You book, "Flower of the North," has just announced by Longmans, Green & Co. with the spirit of Christ. are "Selected Addresses," by James Burrell and that or you went without the book. The paid that or you went without the book. The published is said to possess the paid that or you went without the book. paid that or you went without the book. been published, is said to possess the and some of the books he apparently largest collection of big game photo-did not care to sell; he seemingly hated graphs in the country. He never loses University of Michigan; "The Mechanics and in France, Andreyef in Russia, Seima and In France work I never had such trouble with anything. I decided finally that it was because I was in the same suite of rooms.

To part with them, or so one had to judge an opportunity to bury himself in the far of the Aeroplane," a study of the printerior in the practically prohibitive prices he asked for them. man might go rabbit shooting. Recently beer and T. O'B. Hubbard, members of works that have in each case enjoyed a the Aeronauttal Society and joint authors of "The Aeronauttal Society and joint authors of "The Aeronaue": "The Friendship of Christ," by Mgr. Hugh Benson: "Turning Points in My Life," by William Porcher Du Boise, M. A., S. T. D., and "The Good Shepherd and His Little Lambs," a little book aimed as a suitable gift for first communicants, by Mrs. Hermann Bosch.

David Gray's new book, "Ensign Russell," was written during a six weeks public ation in 1905. A novel reading public chronically averse to "preachment" public chronically averse to "preachment" come to New York for a literary con-ference, Mr. Curwood telegraphed back: ship of Christ," by Mgr. Hugh Benson: "Turning Points in My Life," William Porcher Du Boise, M. A. S. T.

sell," was written during a six weeks public chronically averse to "preachment cruise the author took with Admiral literature" has in this instance singled out for its favor a book which is in part Philippine waters. As the Admiral's devoted to the retelling of the story of guest Mr. Gray had the run of the ship.

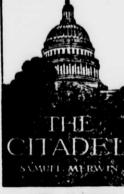
and Social Progress," a discussion of the and makes allusion to numerous others biologic, domestic, industrial and social possibilities of American women by Scott A Philadelphia Memorial to Whit-Nearing.

"The White Waterfall," by James published by Doubleday, Page & erection of a more this month. A little later will aparably in this city. pear Gene Stratton Porter's new book.
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"The Pool of Answers," one of the plays in Anne A. T. Craig's "The Dramatic Festival," which was presented on May 18 on Dr. Wellington Massec's estate in Bronxville, will appear early in June under the Puthams' imprint. Bell and Wing

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Lagerlöf in Sweden and Pontoppidan in Denmark have turned to Jesus of Naza-

Philippine waters. As the Admiral's guest Mr. Gray had the run of the ship, where the character of Ensign Russell was suggested to him. Many of the incidents of the book were part of this cruise and of six months travel through the islands.

The McMillan Company has published two new books, "The Friar of Wittenstern," a historical romance built around the character and life of Martin Luther, by William Stearns Davis, and "Woman and Social Progress," a discussion of the admiral's guest for consideration ten representative works indicating a Christward tendency and makes allusion to numerous others.

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